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I don't know how much weight my words will have seeing as I'm a Canadian citizen, but I've decided to write anyway. If for nothing else, to show that Microsoft's influence and behavior in the industry is far reaching, effecting people around the world, not just in the US.

I've been following this case with great interest since the beginning. There is no doubt in my mind that Microsoft has a monopoly and has used its influence to maintain it's strangle hold on the industry and to leverage it's interests in other areas. This case has clearly shown that Microsoft's behaviour is illegal under your laws and that punitive action is necessary to restore balance to the industry.

I've read significant criticism of the proposed settlement from several industry leaders as well as legal experts and the general consensus seems to be that this settlement will do little to stop Microsoft from continuing it's Monopolistic behaviour. This is of great concern to me, as it should be to everyone. Microsoft has shown time and time again that they will take advantage of any loopholes it can, and this settlement seems to be filled with them!

I urge you to seriously consider all the opposition to this settlement when making your decision. The monopolistic behaviour of Microsoft has done more harm then good to the industry in the past. Giving them a simple slap on the wrist now will encourage them to continue this behaviour.

...Izzy